

## MESSAGE ON MERDEKA DAY BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ON 31ST AUGUST, 1961

Let us not merely regard Merdeka Day as a memory of the past, but let us also regard it as a Day on which we take stock of ourselves and resolve that we will make the future even more memorable than the past.

We celebrate a double freedom, freedom from Colonial rule, and freedom from the menace of militant Communism, a menace which retarded the progress of our nation for so many years; let us not forget that the threat of Communism is always with us; we must therefore forever beware, forever be on our guard, forever be determined never to let the creeping paralysis of Communist subversion poison the life-blood of freedom in our country.

The future of Malaya is entirely in our own hands; it is my opinion that the greatest contribution that each and every one of us, as loyal Malayans, can make towards the future prosperity and progress of our nation is by giving all support in words, in thought, in action and in deed, to our National Development Plan.